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SUMMARY: THE SOVIET UNION AND MADAGASCAR HELD TALKS LAST
WEEK IN MOSCOW ON BILATERAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION, AND IT
LOOKS AS THOUGH THE USSR IS SEEKING TO EXPAND ITS
PRESENCE AND INFLUENCE THERE. END SUMMARY.

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1. SOVIET EXPERTS HAVE DRAWN UP A FEASIBILITY REPORT FOR
A CEMENT WORKS WITH A CAPACITY OF 250 THOUSAND TONS A
YEAR. THIS WOULD INVOLVE EXPANDING THE QUARRY AND
IMPROVING THE POWER SUPPLY IN THE CONSTRUCTION AREA. THE
JSSR HAS EXPRESSED READINESS TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS WORK
AND TO SUPPLY TECHNOLOGICAL EQUIPMENT FOR THE CEMENT WORKS,
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ACCORDING TO TASS VESTNIK FOR JULY 5.

2. SOVIET EXPERTS ARE CURRENTLY VISITING MADAGASCAR TO
DISCUSS CONSTRUCTION OF A MEDIUM-WAVE RADIO BROADCASTING
STATION. A CONTRACT HAS ALREADY BEEN SIGNED FOR THE
SUPPLY OF TECHNOLOGICAL EQUIPMENT FOR IT, AND SOVIET
ENGINEERS ARE TO TAKE PART IN ITS ASSEMBLY AND COM-

MISSIONING AND IN THE TRAINING OF PERSONNEL. THE USSR IS ALSO GIVING ASSISTANCE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A FLOUR MILL COMPLEX IN THE EAST COAST TOWN OF TAMATAVA. IT IS TO INCLUDE STORAGE FOR 20 THOUSAND TONS OF GRAIN AND A MILL WITH A DAILY CAPACITY OF 125 TONS OF FLOUR. INITIAL DATA HAVE ALREADY BEEN COLLECTED, AND SOVIET EXPERTS ARE TO GO THERE SOON FOR PROSPECTING WORK.

3. ACCORDING TO TASS VESTNIK, AT THE TALKS THE REPRESENTATIVES OF MADAGASCAR ACCEPTED A SOVIET PROPOSAL FOR ACCELERATING THE EXAMINATION OF A NUMBER OF NEW CONTRACTS BEING PREPARED IN THE USSR. ONE PROVIDES FOR DRAWING UP A PLAN FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF HYDRO-POWER ENGINEERING IN THE CENTRAL PART OF MADAGASCAR AND ANOTHER, FOR A PLAN FOR LAND UTILIZATION IN THE MANDRARE RIVER BASIN. THE USSR HAS ALREADY TURNED OVER TO MADAGASCAR A CONTRACT FOR GEOLOGICAL PROSPECTING FOR SOLID MINERALS.

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4. COMMENT. THIS TASS ITEM PROVIDES CURRENT STATUS OF PROJECTS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED BY EMBASSY ANTANANARIVO (SEE REFTELS). GIVEN SLOWNESS OF EARLIER STAGES OF SOVIET ASSISTANCE, IT IS OF INTEREST THAT SOVIETS HAVE APPARENT-LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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LY URGED MADAGASCAR TO SPEED UP ITS CONSIDERATION OF SOVIET CONTRACTS NOW UNDER PREPARATION. WE WOULD SPECULATE THAT SOVIETS WISH TO CONSOLIDATE, AND PERHAPS EXPAND, THEIR PRESENCE ON THE ISLAND. TOON

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